

Young Leaders United brings holiday cheer

Wii system, over 60 toys delivered to Abilities First

United Way of Dutchess County's Young Leaders United (YLU) collected three large cartons filled with 60 toys and gifts and \$350 in donations at a holiday gathering attended by 50 people on December 15 at Cosimo's in Poughkeepsie. The money was used to purchase a Wii gaming system, two extra controllers with Nunchucks and the Wii Sports Resort game.

The toys and Wii system were delivered to Abilities First on December 21 as YLU's contribution to Holiday Helping Hand, a joint project of the Poughkeepsie Journal and United Way of Dutchess County. YLU's mission is to support the work of United Way of Dutchess County and foster a spirit of community involvement among the next generation of our leaders.



Abilities First Assistant Executive Director Ellen Griffin (2nd from left) accepts gifts from United Way of Dutchess County's Young Leaders United. Delivering the gifts were YLU members (l. to r.) Matt Paquet, Mariel Gil, Karinna Kelly, Omer Gil (back row), Nick Shannon, and Ashok Mandava.